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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



United States Government (USG) assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) aims to fully anchor the country in European and Euro-Atlantic institutions, strengthen multi-ethnic democratic institutions and civil society, support strong State-level judiciary and law enforcement sectors, and increase prosperity and attractiveness to foreign investors. Over the past year, U.S. efforts faced substantial challenges from ethnically-charged political gridlock that prevented the formation of a fully-functioning State-level Council of Ministers until early 2012.

Recent Successes by Areas of Focus:

Peace & Security

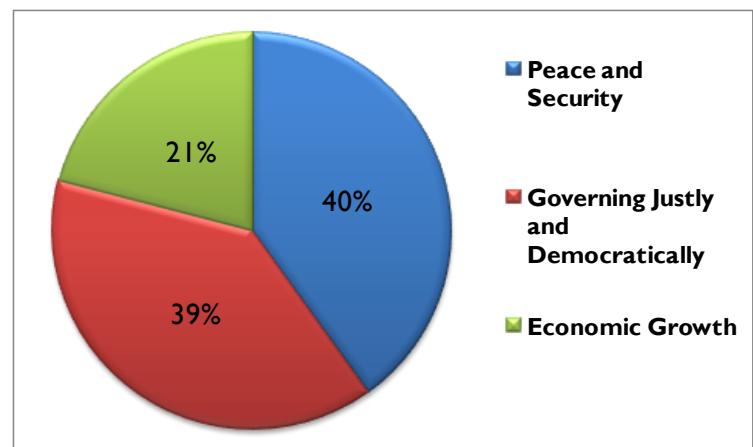
- Provided training and equipment to Bosnian military units, in particular for one of BiH's Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Platoons, which the AFBiH is building as a niche capability for future contributions to NATO.
- Facilitated passage of an asset forfeiture law in the Republika Srpska, resulting in the seizure of approximately \$17 million in illegal assets from alleged organized crime figures.
- Worked with the border police to implement a database that simultaneously checks multiple databases for outstanding arrest warrants; resulting in a more than 20percent increase detecting persons illegally crossing the border.
- Facilitated formation of the new Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), led by the state prosecutor's office, and which includes representatives from state, entity and municipal law enforcement agencies.

Governing Justly and Democratically

- Continued robust support to civil society and increased support to local, grass-roots initiatives, including NGO advocacy and watchdog activities to address constitutional reform, anti-corruption, government administration of public funds, youth empowerment, and employment for marginalized groups.
- Supported independent media and increased the availability of neutral and reliable information, supported 11 investigative reporting projects that informed citizens regarding important political, social, economic and corruption issues.

FY 2011 Foreign Operations

Assistance by Objective* (\$000s)



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2011 ACTUAL	FY 2012 ESTIMATE	FY 2013 REQUEST
TOTAL (\$000s)	\$48,727	\$49,750	\$45,541
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	\$42,000	\$39,000	0
Economic Support Fund	0	0	\$28,556
Foreign Military Financing	\$4,491	\$4,500	\$4,500
International Military Education and Training	\$986	\$1,000	\$1,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	0	\$6,735
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	\$1,250	\$5,250	\$4,750

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Governing Justly and Democratically (cont.)

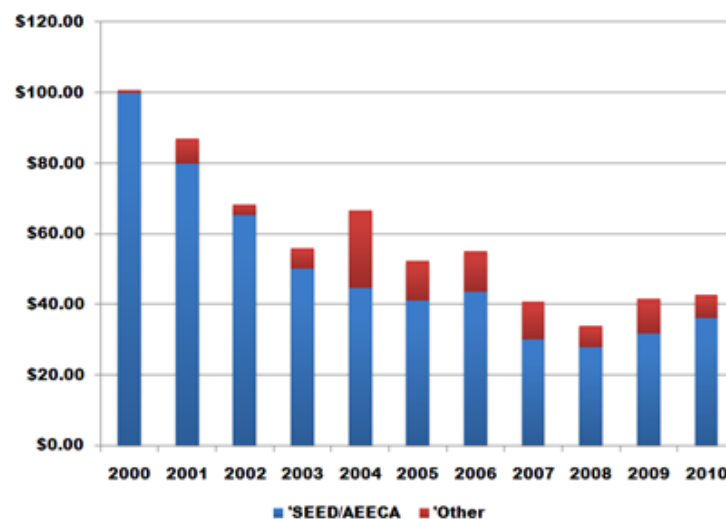
- Helped implement a State-level justice reform strategy and strengthen judicial independence. USG programs helped improve case administration in 18 prosecutors' offices and assisted in legislative amendments to decrease backlog, and increased civil society participation in monitoring the work of the judiciary.
- Assisted local prosecutors to pursue indictments and initiate court cases in two high-profile incidents, one in which four defendants are alleged to be religious extremists who obtained weapons and military equipment with the intent of carrying out a terrorist attack in BiH, and another in which a bomb was detonated at a police station.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2011 ACTUAL	FY 2012 ESTIMATE	FY 2013 REQUEST
TOTAL (\$000s)	\$48,727	\$49,750	\$45,541
Peace and Security	\$19,532	\$22,170	\$21,562
Governing Justly and Democratically	\$18,995	\$19,529	\$15,814
Economic Growth	\$10,200	\$8,051	\$8,165

Economic Growth

- Increased the Federation government's ability to manage its budget by helping it conduct the first-ever auction of government securities (T-bills) on a competitive basis. The \$46.5 million auction produced a remarkably low yield of 2.32 percent, substantially exceeding government officials' expectations. USG programs also helped improve revenue collection and expand the tax base.
- To increase market competitiveness, assisted private enterprises and producers in agriculture, wood and metal, and tourism sectors, achieving significant results including higher quality dairy products entering new export markets. Financial consulting to local companies resulted in \$6.4 million in new lending over nine months.
- Helping improve the financial sector by strengthening banking supervision and assistance for satisfying EU accession requirements for the financial sector (including banking and insurance).
- Assisted the Federation Energy Ministry to develop a new Federation Electricity Law to address renewable energy sources and environmental protection. Adoption of the law is expected this year.
- Trained judges involved in a number of high-profile intellectual property infringement cases, including the largest pirated software case ever pursued in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance



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